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Labor Needs More Socialists In Congress To Battle Capitalists Seeking Revenge For Passage Of The Eight-Hour Law For The Railroad Workers

By LUCIEN SAINT.

WASHINGTON.—Labor needs men in Congress to offset the revenge which capital is planning to take for the passage of the eight hour railroad law. It makes no difference that Wilson's action was taken for political reasons or because he saw no other way to avert a strike—capital is bound that it shall not occur again, and every item of labor legislation which will be introduced in the future will have a harder row than ever to hoe.

WASTED THREE YEARS.

NOT AN item of labor legislation has been enacted by the 64th Congress except under the lash of the President's whip, and the President—the Hon. Woody Wilson—did not raise his whip till he was renominated and ready to begin his campaign. Then he rammed thru the child labor bill, the workmen's compensation bill, and the railroad eight hour bill. He had three years to get these thru, but he failed to act.

This is significant because it shows first,

that Congress does not enact labor legislation till it is forced to do so. The reason is simple and has often been stated: labor is not represented in Congress except by a lone Socialist and by a few hack union men whose prime political affiliations are not with labor but with one or the other of the old parties. Being unable to serve two masters whose interests conflict, these gentlemen serve the more powerful of the two—leaving labor in the lurch.

SEES WAR ON LABOR.

WHOEVER controls the next Administration—Wilson or Hughes—will control Congress and will dictate the labor legislation issuing therefrom. With Wilson's labor record as with Hughes, there is no assurance that there will be any labor legislation whatever, and there is every reason to believe that there will be bad labor legislation. Wilson has virtually promised the railroads that, if elected, he will put thru some bills which will provide for compulsory arbitration after the fashion of the "Lemon" act of Canada,

which the capitalists of Canada have used to prevent strikes and keep wages low and hours high. Committed thus to favor American railroad capitalists, there is nothing more to hope from Woodrow.

No labor man ever expected anything from Hughes, the Bourbon reactionary and friend and nominee of Big Business.

SOCIALISTS NEEDED.

IT WILL all be up to Congress, and Congress will all be in the hands of the bi-partisan Hughes-Wilson alliance unless labor comes across and elects its own men to the national legislature. What labor has got from the last Congress it won because of the exigencies of politics, not because it was right and just. There is greater need now, than ever before, of a strong Socialist group in Congress.

WILSON'S LABOR RECORD

Against the right to strike:
"An amendment of the existing Federal

statute which provides for the mediation, conciliation and arbitration of such controversies as the present, by adding to it a provision that in case the methods of accommodation now provided for should fail, a full public investigation of the merits of every such dispute shall be instituted and completed before a strike or lockout may lawfully be attempted."

For Conscription of Labor:

"The lodgement in the hands of the executive of the power, in case of military necessity, to take control of such portions and such rolling stock of the railways of the country as may be required for military use and to operate them for military purposes, with authority to draft into the military service of the United States such train crews and administrative officials as the circumstances require for their safe conduct and efficient use."

For Compulsory Arbitration:

"We should make all arbitral awards

judgments by record of a court of law in order that their interpretation and enforcement may lie not with one of the parties to the arbitration but with an impartial and authoritative tribunal."

"These things I urge upon you, not in haste or merely as a means of meeting a present emergency, but as permanent and necessary additions to the law of the land. We need them now and we shall continue to need them."

—From the message of Woodrow Wilson to Congress, August 29, 1916.

SHALL LABOR SUPPORT WILSON BECAUSE, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, HE SECURED AN EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR RAILROAD WORKERS? WHAT ABOUT THE SCHEMES FOR EVENTUAL CAPITALISTIC CONTROL OF AND DOMINATION OVER LABOR ALSO ADVOCATED BY WILSON?

SHALL LABOR, IN OTHER WORDS, FALL FOR WILSON?

Seize The Railroads And Run Them For The Nation

Meyer London, the lone Socialist in Congress, entered into the debate on the railroad eight-hour bill before the house of representatives finished its consideration of the measure last Friday. As usual the capitalist news agencies studiously avoided sending out any of this speech altho the anti-labor congressmen were quoted at great length. London urged the passage of the bill and declared that the only substitute for it would be a bill authorizing the president to seize the roads and run them for the benefit of the people.

London chided the Congressmen for their short-sightedness in closing their eyes year after year to the never-ending industrial conflict, awaking only in the face of a great national strike.

London delivered an impressive warning against compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes. In full, his speech follows:

Speech In Full.

"Mr. Chairman: In three minutes one can only give expression to one's faith and not advance an argument on a proposition of this kind. There can only be one substitute motion offered, and that is to authorize the President of the United States to seize the railroads and run them for the nation. The Republicans will offer nothing of the sort, I am sure. "If we legislate in a panic now, it is because most of us have for years refused to recognize the existence of the irrepressible industrial conflict. Every voice has been heretofore heard in Congress, except the voice of the great working masses. It is the first time that we have the visible government assert itself. It is the first time that the working people, in a rather vulgar way, say: 'We are here; we are going to strike; we are going to exercise our right to promote and improve our condition.' "They do not ask you for legislation; they announce they will exercise their inalienable right, and you are at a loss; you do not know what to do. You have been talking protection and free trade, you have been talking of all sorts of things, except industrial problems, and most of you do not know how to go about this thing at all. Some have even gone to the extent of blaming the President of the United States because he considered it his sacred duty as trustee of the welfare of this country to offer a remedy for this situation. (Applause on the Democratic side.) Why be partisan in an emergency of this kind? The railroads are not in a position to denounce the action of the chief executive. It is they that have denied his offer; it is they that have refused to listen to his voice of counsel. It is the railroads that have refused to recognize the economic and ethical principle of the eight-hour day. They are not in a position to criticize, and, please, gentlemen, do not you dare talk about compulsory arbitration, and let no one of you imagine that the working people of the United States will stand for compulsory arbitration.

Compulsory Arbitration Indefensible.

"Compulsory arbitration is as indefensible and impossible as compulsory marriage. Only a short while ago in Sweden the workers organized a nationwide strike against a compulsory arbitration act, and as I understand it, they called off the strike only after the promise of the government had been given that the law would be repealed as soon as the military necessity would be over.

"Let us vote for this measure because it offers a remedy for a very serious and critical situation." (Applause.)

London asked to extend his remarks by adding to them a bill introduced by former Congressman Victor L. Berger, dealing with the program of nationalizing the railroads.

"The railroad presidents are in favor of arbitration so long as they can control the arbitrators.

The Socialist party is the only one that stands against preparedness and for a policy that will prevent war.

The world is too lazy to consider ideas, so it suffers poverty instead.

A corporation may not have a soul but it doesn't lack for nerve.

If you don't vote for it you don't want it.

The mystery is where Hughes gets all his mud in the midst of a drouth.

Somebody defines law as an unequal distribution of injustice.

It is often easier to die for one's country than to try to live in it.

They who have never tried it may talk about the blessings of poverty, but it is always for the other man.

Preparedness is not for peace but that the munition makers may get a piece.

The beginning of peace will date from the demise of competition for the markets of the world.

Americanism seems to be a desire that the other fellow go to war in order to let the patriot enjoy life at home.

Dr. Cook must have great confidence in himself to think he can get in the papers with his lies when all the spellbinders are abroad.

Political economy according to the politician consists in having only two parties among whom to divide the spoils of office.

When a man has struggled thru a quarter of a century of poverty he is generally so fagged out he is unable to even think how to get away from it.

If Hughes is the same kind as Judge Parker and Judge Taft, the American people will surely vote for Benson.

Funston is on the ground and says the troops ought to be removed from Mexico. It is a shame and scandal that they remain there.

A few years ago we made a howl against the imprisonment of Mexican refugees in America. Yet we permit Quinlan, an American, to be imprisoned here when he is entirely innocent.

The issue between the old parties seems to be, Shall the Democrats issue bonds for the support of preparedness, or shall the Republicans do it?

It seems they cannot even have a war game without the censor being on the job. You don't know the sculduggery that is going on behind it.

When it is definitely decided that the American people will not stand for the conquest of Mexico it will doubtless be admitted that Villa has been dead for a good many months.

Anyhow, ninety-nine out of every hundred of the patriots who were sent to the border have got all they want of it. They are ready now to give place to other fools.

There is no declaration for preparedness in the Socialist platform. Yet it presents the only way to prepare against war, namely, by doing away with the capitalist system of robbery.

New Zealand Wants To Hear And See "Henry"

Ryan Walker, the creator of Henry Dubb, has just been invited by the Socialist Party of New Zealand to come over and give them a series of lectures on "The Adventures of Henry Dubb". This trip will also include Australia. The only other American speaker invited is Eugene V. Debs. Thus the fame of Henry Dubb travels over the seas. If you want Ryan Walker for a date during this campaign, before he crosses the Pacific, you will have to hurry. For terms write or wire: Speakers' Bureau, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Here's The Third Of The Ten Benson Leaflets

DO YOU KNOW?

By ALLAN L. BENSON.

Socialist Candidate For President.

DO YOU know that compulsory military service is already the law in the state of New York?

Do you know that the military training of school children is also the law in the state of New York?

Do you know that those laws were enacted without warning during the last hours of the legislative session last spring?

Do you know that Congress passed and the President, on June 3, 1916, signed a bill under the terms of which the President, in the event of trouble, has the power, without further legislation, to draft citizens into the army?

IF YOU do not know these things, let me tell you that they are facts. I am a citizen of the state of New York and when school begins this fall, my children, like all others in the state of New York, will have militarism thrust upon them. I know whereof I speak.

The New York military laws are a menace to every resident of the United States. They are signs of the times. When they were enacted last spring, it was evidently the intention of the great capitalists who rule this country to introduce compulsory service into the nation a little at a time thru the states.

Before they had gone far, they became bolder. The Hay-Chamberlain Army reorganization bill was pending in Congress. The bill, as it passed both houses provided that whenever the Federalized National Guard should be called into service, the President should have the power to "call" enough citizens to recruit a reserve battalion for every battalion sent away.

This bill, like a good many others, was finally submitted to a conference committee representing the two houses of Congress.

The conference committee changed the word "CALL" to "DRAFT". The President was given power to DRAFT enough citizens to recruit new battalions.

DOZENS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO VOTED TO MAKE THE BILL A LAW SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW THE CHANGE HAD BEEN MADE.

BUT THE change was made. It was made by seven men. Or, at any rate, SEVEN men constituted the committee in which the change was made. These seven men are Senators Chamberlain of Oregon, Beckham of Kentucky, Broussard of Louisiana, Du Pont of Delaware, and Representatives Hay of Virginia, Dent of Alabama and Kahn of California.

The change they make appears in Section 79 of the Hay-Chamberlain Army Reorganization bill.

Gentlemen tell us that militarism has not raised its ugly head in America.

What do these gentlemen mean? What, in their opinion is militarism?

UNDER THE prodding of the President, Congress has just made the greatest military appropriations that were ever made by any nation in time of peace. If the appropriation for the fiscal year that will end June 30 next of \$662,476,512 be not an indication of militarism, then the world would do well to get a new definition of militarism.

If it be not militarism for the Governor of the State of New York to have the arbitrary power to draft every able-bodied male citizen into the National Guard, then there is no such thing as militarism.

What is it but militarism when the President, under a new law made last summer, also has the power to draft national guards into the Federal army?

What is it but militarism when the school children of the greatest state in the Union have military training thrust upon them in the schools?

Need anyone doubt that the great capitalists will not stop with the school children of the state of New York? They certainly will not stop unless the people stop them.

CALL IT by whatever gentle name you may choose—how do you like the idea of the President having the arbitrary power to hurl you into the army to steal northern Mexico for covetous American capitalists? Or to shoot down American workmen, whose only offense might be that they had struck to get high enough wages to pay the high cost of living?

The Socialist Party is the only party that protests against the New York draft law, the national draft law and these huge military appropriations. We know perfectly well why capitalists want these laws. We know they want a great navy to hold the foreign trade that they got from Europe as a result of the war, and which Europe, as soon as the war is ended, will try to get back. Do you want to go to war to hold Mr. Rockefeller's foreign trade? Did you ever hear of a people whom foreign trade made rich? England has the greatest foreign trade in the world, but in no civilized nation has poverty reached lower depths than it has in England. English capitalists are very rich, but English workmen are very poor.

WE KNOW the American capitalists want a big army to intimidate and, if necessary, attack American workers who object to working for a bare living.

We know why militarism is being thrust upon us. We are deeply distressed that no other political party opposes it. We know of nothing that will halt it except a tremendous vote for the Socialist party this fall. The American people can stop militarism if they will but speak. The Socialist party is the only political organization thru which they can speak.

If you believe I have exaggerated the gravity of the situation, study the figures in the following table. Note how small were Germany's military appropriations the year before the war in comparison with the enormous appropriations that the Wilson administration has thrust upon us.

BEAR IN mind that the only Republican criticism of these appropriations is that they are too small.

SPEAK NOW WITH YOUR BALLOT, OR FOREVER AFTER HOLD YOUR PEACE!

In Leaflet Form!

NOTE.—This article by Allan L. Benson, our candidate for president, goes into the third two-page leaflet in the great Benson Campaign Series—ten leaflets in all, a different one each week from now until the end of the campaign. The first leaflet went out two weeks ago. You should place your order for this third leaflet and the remaining seven leaflets immediately with the National Campaign Headquarters, Socialist Party, 803 West Madison Street, Chicago. The price is 50 cents per thousand.

"LABOR" MAYOR EXPOSED.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The persecution of those convicted in connection with the Westinghouse strike goes merrily on. Now it is the mayor of Pittsburgh who is using his power to prevent funds being raised to carry the case of the strikers to the Superior Court.

In this city anybody can get permission to hold a tag day for anything—that is for anything or any institution that is used to keep the worker contented.

The Trades Council of this city asked the mayor, Joe Armstrong, friend of labor before election, who had decided that it was imperative for him to take a fishing trip when the "white wings" went on strike for \$2.40 a day and who stayed out of town until the strike had been broken, for a permit to hold a tag day for the benefit of the Westinghouse strikers on Labor Day.

This permission has been refused to the organized workers of the district for a day that is supposed to be their day by a mayor elected by the workers' votes.

Securing justice is costly and the mayor of Pittsburgh, by preventing money being collected from the workers on the streets on Labor Day is trying to prevent any further efforts being made to secure justice for the one woman and seven men sentenced in connection with the Westinghouse strike when the United States Steel Company guards killed three workmen and injured forty others.

MILITARISM ESTABLISHED.

From The Public (Chicago)

Militarism is recognized by a decision rendered by federal judge J. E. Sater at Columbus, Ohio, on August 26. The decision was in the case of the militia captain and sergeant who had assaulted Charles Baker, editor of a Socialist paper at Hamilton, Ohio. After a long delay and with great trouble they were finally arrested and were to be brought for trial before the municipal court. But habeas corpus proceedings were instituted and Judge Sater ordered the accused men released on the ground that even temporary confinement under civil restraint might interfere with their movements as United States soldiers in case Ohio soldiers were ordered to the border.

So it appears that under the impression that it was preparing for defense against foreign aggression, Congress has created a menace to the safety of peaceable civilians within the United States. Probably few of them know what they were doing, or had they known, would have supported such a measure. But the mischief seems to have been done. It is not merely the assault of a Socialist editor who is thus rendered immune from prosecution in the civil courts. The protection applies to any one in the federal uniform who may become guilty of any crime. It is no longer a question of establishing militarism. Judge Sater's decision shows that it has been established, and established in a most extreme form. We must get rid of this evil as quickly as possible. A foreign invader could be no greater menace.

Congress Can't Dispose Of The Railroad Issue

When the New York World, called the official White House gazette, wired Eugene V. Debs for his views on the railroad crisis, Debs sent the accompanying reply which was written before the passage of the Adamson bill and before the proposed strike was finally called off by the brotherhood representatives.

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

If Postmaster General Burleson's position is right and he speaks with authority for the government, there has been a distinct advance since the A. R. U. strike of twenty-two years ago. If the government had taken the same position then that the Postmaster General takes now, that strike would have been won instead of lost and some different railroad history would have been written.

If the government can do with the railroads what Mr. Burleson says it can, it follows logically that the government can assume complete control of the railroads and operate them without the consent and without regard to the wishes or interests of their owners.

The strike situation remains absolutely unchanged. The Adamson bill and other measures before congress will settle nothing. If the former is passed it will satisfy neither the railroads nor the employees. It will result in a compromise and makeshift until after the presidential election and finally disappoint both.

The issue between the railroads and the brotherhoods will not be disposed of by congress. The principle involved cannot be compromised and congressional action along the lines proposed will at best postpone the strike.

I have never believed and do not now believe there will be a strike. Notwithstanding the brotherhoods voted overwhelmingly for a strike they do not want a strike and their leaders are seeking in every way possible to prevent a strike. The railroads, on the other hand, court a break and in fact challenge the brotherhoods to combat.

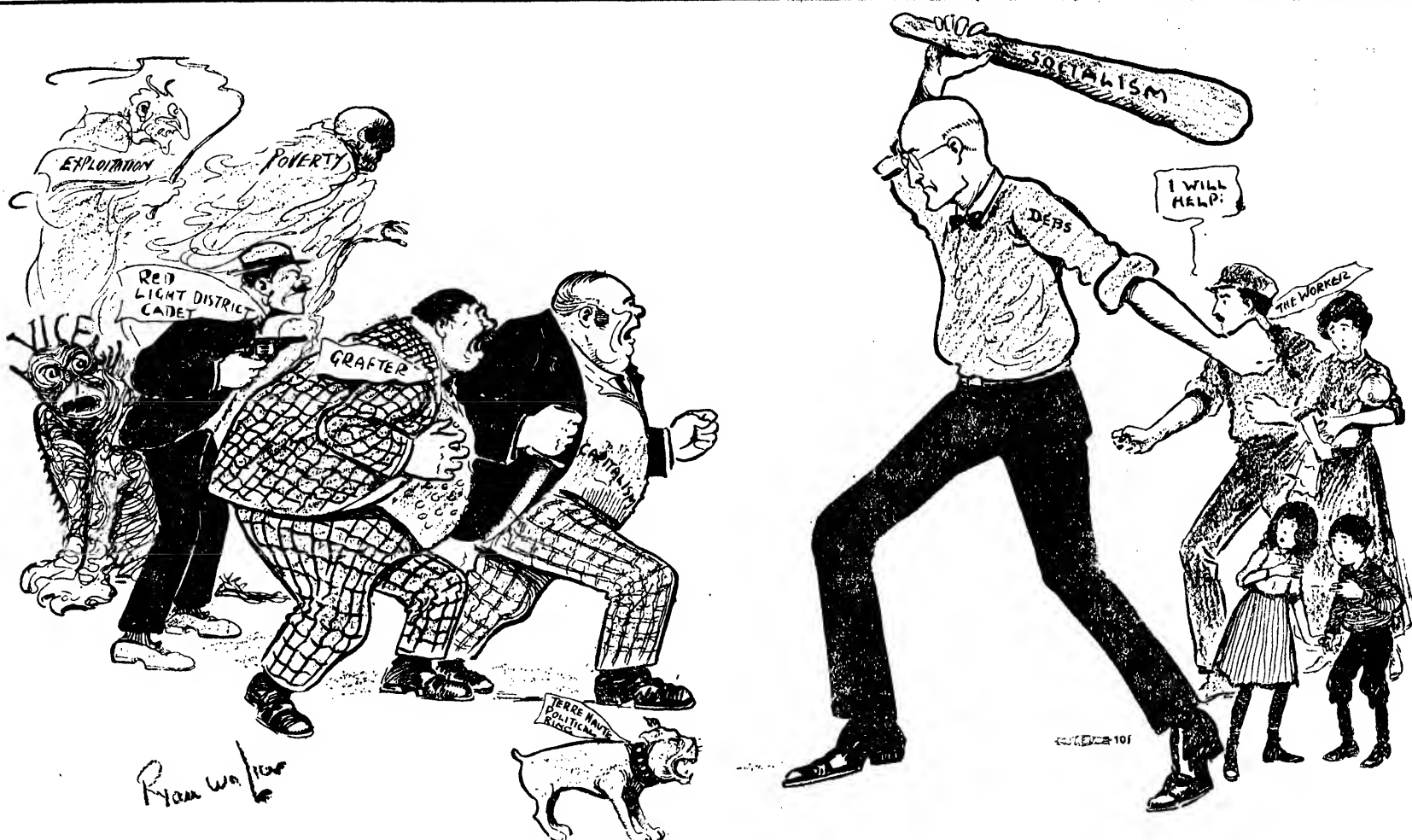
The railroads understand the issue and all it involves and they know it cannot be successfully compromised. From the beginning of the negotiations they have stood pat. They have conceded absolutely nothing. Their willingness to arbitrate simply indicates their confidence in their ability and power to control arbitration and secure for themselves the final verdict. In the A. R. U. strike the employees begged for arbitration and these same railroads spurned their petition. The slogan they then adopted has not been forgotten. "There is nothing to arbitrate."

In the issue over which the railroads and the brotherhoods are at swords' points the interests of the owners and employees are diametrically opposed and congress cannot legislate in favor of one without opposing the other, and its attempt to satisfy both will satisfy neither. The fact is made obvious in this case as never before that the capitalist political state is obsolete and that the time is not far distant when the present political congress which finds itself utterly impotent to harmonize industrial interests essentially antagonistic, will be succeeded by an industrial congress composed of industrial representatives, elected by industrial workers, who will regulate the nation's industries and legislate for the benefit of the nation's workers.

Army And Navy Appropriations Of The Chief Belligerent Nations For Year Preceding War.

| | ARMY | NAVY | TOTAL |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Great Britain | \$224,300,000 | \$237,530,459 | \$461,830,459 |
| Germany | 183,090,000 | 112,091,125 | 295,181,125 |
| France | 191,431,580 | 90,164,625 | 281,596,205 |
| Russia | 317,800,000 | 117,508,657 | 435,308,657 |
| Austro-Hungary | 82,300,000 | 42,000,000 | 124,300,000 |
| Italy | 82,928,000 | 49,550,147 | 132,478,147 |
| Japan | 49,000,000 | 48,105,152 | 97,105,152 |

THE WILSON MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1917
United States\$349,092,123* \$313,384,389 \$662,476,512
*This includes \$25,747,550 for fortifications, \$20,000,000 for a nitrate plant, \$34,523,000 for deficiency and \$1,225,043 for the Military Academy.



VOTERS OF TERRE HAUTE: Which side are you fighting on?

A Cheering Report With A Proviso

By MAYNARD SHIPLEY.

Terre Haute, Ind.
THERE ARE 24,000 farmers in the Fifth District of Indiana who will vote either for or against Debs and Socialism on Nov. 7th.

These lines are written on the 18th of August.

How do these 24,000 farmers stand on the question of Socialism versus Capitalism—Debs versus his capitalist-class opponents—TODAY?

Comrades, so far as I can learn, there are not 1000 men out of this great number of voters who could today be counted upon to cast a Socialist ballot.

Why? Because they know nothing about Socialism.

Eager To Learn.

BUT THEY ARE EAGER TO LEARN.

Comrade J. H. Hollingsworth had just returned from a rather extended tour of the rural districts. He reports that the farmers are eager to hear our message, and that they invariably give him a most sympathetic hearing. But they do not want to pay for their own education. Collections are poor. They cannot be made to understand, as yet, that they must foot the bill to hear a Socialist speech. Why, the Democrats and Republicans not only do not take up a collection, but supply a feast of watermelons, or beans. Yes, they've got down to BEANS now, in some places. But these farmers are willing to hear our argument, and often heartily applaud the speaker's points. There is no stubborn opposition, no particular prejudice, to overcome. They are in an exceedingly receptive mood. But they do not want to BUY ANYTHING! Not yet. Which simply means that they are not yet ready to take an active part in the campaign for Debs and Socialism. So WE WHO KNOW must foot the bills until THEY KNOW, TOO. WE MUST have them on our side, or Debs will be defeated.

We haven't near enough money as yet to send the speakers and the literature into the rural communities to do this work AS IT MUST BE DONE, before Comrade Debs can be elected to congress.

I am not begging for necessary funds. I am simply stating facts which I believe the comrades throughout the nation are entitled to know.

Comrade Hollingsworth reports they want Debs. That even in those communities in which little or nothing is known of Socialism, the people are clamoring for Debs. They want to see him. They want to hear him. For he is known comrades, that the man who made Terre Haute famous has never been heard in a large area of his congressional district. To thousands of farmers, in the six counties comprising the Fifth Congressional District, "Debs" is but a name, albeit one to conjure with.

Debs To Speak To All.

Later in the season, Comrade Debs will speak in every section of his district. Meanwhile, it is up to the rest of us to do the preliminary propaganda work, so that when they hear our candidate he will have nothing to do but prove to them that he is the one man asking for their suffrage who can or would wish to represent exclusively the people who produce the world's wealth.

When Debs greets these 24,000 honest-souled, serious-minded farmers, his lovable personality and heartfelt eloquence will clinch the argument for all time.

Workers of Indiana, You Should Elect Debs To Congress!

NOTE.—Here is one of the big signs showing where the labor vote is going this year. This is a proclamation just issued in behalf of the candidacy of Eugene V. Debs by the national officials of the Switchmen's Union of North America. This proclamation will be published in the September issue of the Switchmen's Journal, the official publication of this great labor organization, which will be out in a few days. It is exceedingly valuable not only on account of the switchmen but on account of the moral effect it will have upon union men in general. This is exceptional action to be taken by railroad unions. There is no other case that can be recalled that a national labor organization has endorsed and made an appeal in behalf of a candidate for office.

PROCLAMATION!

EUGENE V. DEBS is the socialist's candidate for Congress in the Fifth Congressional District in Indiana.

His opponents are a prominent republican and a democrat who will spare no efforts to defeat Debs.

There is a strong probability, however, of his election if the working class voters come to his aid in the manner he has so often done for them.

The old party managers will exert every atom of their energy to defeat him, and that fact should serve as an incentive to the workers to utilize every possible effort in his behalf and elect him.

Debs was born and reared in Terre Haute; he is well known and loved by its inhabitants; and because of the esteem in which he is held by his legion of friends and neighbors his opponents dare not assail his character as is generally done when those representing labor are candidates for positions of public trust, well knowing that it will mean defeat for them if they do.

This nomination came to Debs unsolicited, and he is making the race without promise or pledge on his part other than the espousal of the working class interests if elected.

His life has been devoted towards the uplift of enslaved humanity, and whether he lands in Congress or in jail as the result of this campaign, he will continue battling for the rights of the down-trodden.

The working class is sadly in need of a Debs voice in Congress in its behalf, and the workers in his congressional district, who will this fall elect a representative therefrom, can render no greater public service to their state and country than by embracing the opportunity they now have of sending this intrepid foe of exploiters as their representative to Congress.

There is a sad dearth of such champions of human rights in that body, and our labor group is entirely too small in Congress.

It should be and will be greatly enlarged this year if working men and women do their duty during the campaign, cast aside their prejudices and work and vote for their friends instead of their enemies.

We know of no congressional candidate who would more valiantly espouse labor's cause if elected to Congress than Debs, and the working class voters in his home district should exert every effort within their means to see that he is elected to such office November 7th.—SWITCHMEN'S UNION OF NORTH AMERICA.

Socialism and Spirituality

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

A distinguished apologist for the prevailing order of society says socialism would make greater headway if its exponents exhibited more spirituality and less materialism in their advocacy of the new social order. This calls for an explanation of the real meaning of the terms materialism and spirituality.

The highest expression of spirituality, or what the French would call the spirituelle side of life, is embodied in music, art and the sciences. The study of the science of sociology leads to a correct understanding of economic truth, and this economic truth is translated into the philosophy of socialism. Just economic conditions lead to the well-being of the individual members of society. Material well-being brings leisure, leisure makes for culture, culture begets idealism and idealism gives birth to spirituality.

Theologians will insist that spirituality has to do only with man's relation to deity. One of the many books claiming divine authorship—the Bible—explicitly says that no man who hates his brother can lay claim to any knowledge of the Almighty. And it would require the wildest stretch of the imagination to conceive of the existing order of society as in any way calculated to further the principles of the brotherhood of man.

IT IS a common error to mistake spirituality for spirituality. For example, the Indian, ignorant of the laws of nature, attributes the forked lightning and roar of thunder to the wrath of angered spirits in the skies. The spiritism of the Indian can in no wise be dignified by the name of spirituality. But the Indian has his parallel in many thousands of palefaces who erroneously believe that injustice, oppression and catastrophes whereby human lives are lost are but the workings of a divine plan to bring about the perfection of the human race.

It is interesting to view the spirituality born of present social conditions and compare it with materialism, with which socialism is accused of being tainted.

See that haggard, ragged child wearily wending its way to some factory at early morn, there to yield its flesh and blood—yes, its very life—to the coining of gold to buy jewels

and fine laces for the children of the rich. Like their fathers they are wage slaves. What have the sponsors of spirituality to say about these victims of a vicious industrial system? Once a year, about Christmas time, the children of the poor are given a few cheap trinkets and a square meal—which, unhappily, rises in their wistful imagination to tantalize and mock their penury for the other three hundred and sixty-four days of the year. And they call that spirituality!

THEN look at another picture. Socialism will give to fathers of children plentifully of the products of toil, making it possible for the youth to enjoy the pleasures of childhood and blossom into manhood and womanhood in the glorious possession of cultivated minds and joy of robust health. Socialism will substitute the home, school and playground for capitalism's slave pen, jail and baggins. And they call that materialism!

All over the world the socialists are calling a halt to the bloody carnage of war. The socialist tells the soldier: Don't shoot. The man at whom you are aiming your deadly missiles is a son of some devoted mother, a brother of some fond sister, or maybe a father of curly-haired, bright-eyed children, whose prattle and merry laughter is as music to his ear. He may be born in distant climes "neath different skies, but clasp his hand in brotherhood, work for justice, and let war between man and man be relegated to the jungle, where in dangerous dark prey beast awaits. And they call that materialism!

WHAT message has the champions of spirituality to offer the soldier? A chaplain is supplied, who prays that his regiment may be victorious over the opposing armies. In substance, he beseeches that omnipotent guidance be given the aim of the marksmen, that the poison-fanged bullets may speed ruthlessly thru the quivering flesh of another soldier, leaving in its crimson wake a shattered and bleeding heart. And they call that spirituality!

A thousand or more illustrations could be given to show that the materialism of socialism would in reality lead to the highest expression of spirituality, while conditions prevailing in the present system of society lead to moral, mental and physical decay—the very antithesis of spirituality.

The Washington correspondent of the Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat sent a sketch of Meyer London, the lone Socialist in Congress, to his paper in which he says, among other things: "The truth is that Meyer London is a man of quite exceptional ability. He has been a great student. He knows Russian, German, French and perhaps three or four other languages and the literature thereof. He has been a big factor in labor affairs in the metropolis. He is a powerful speaker and New York knows him perhaps better than it knows any other individual among its millions. There are few halls in New York big enough when he is to speak. Yet withal he is a modest man, a man perhaps more tolerant than the average Socialist of the things which stir Socialists to their depths. Sometimes one is tempted to believe that London possesses a grim humor which rather enjoys the tangle in which our modern democracy finds itself. Anyhow he is a growing figure in Congress. He is always listened to attentively when he speaks. His strength is clearly recognized, his earnestness sympathetically understood, his keen anxiety to advance the cause of the plain people accepted with an appreciation which might astonish a Socialist possessed of a narrow vision. It is likely that the country will hear more of Meyer London as the days go by."

The latest figures issued on the subject in England show that the increase of women in industrial establishments during the period of the war—from July 1914, to May, 1916—was 634,000, and that the total number now so employed is close to 3,900,000. These figures do not include women in domestic service.

A full blooded Choctaw Indian is stumping Oklahoma for the Socialists. His civilized name is Charles H. Victor, and the Socialists say that, besides being a fine orator, his surname is a good omen.

Why Haven't You Chanced Your Grandfather Had?

By LUELLA TWING.

I TALKED with an old man the other day who used to be a shoemaker. When a young man he took Horace Greeley's advice. He went West.

Shouldering his tools, which cost him \$10, he started. He stopped off at a farm on the way and made shoes for the family and all their friends. For this he received \$100.

He bought one hundred acres of land in Iowa for a dollar an acre. He sold it twenty years ago for \$100,000. He owned his tools and land was cheap. Free lands were plenty.

Times Have Changed.

His tools cost him \$10, now it costs \$150,000 to start into the shoemaking business.

Free lands today are all gone. This old man does not understand the cause of the present day unrest, but he said to me, "The boy of today does not have the chance I had."

"Why You Have Not The Same Chance Your Grandfather Had?"

The big machine has displaced the hand tool in all industries as well as in shoemaking.

When the working people owned their own tools and got what they produced they worked alone. But the machine collected large numbers of workers in one place into factory, mine or mill. In other words they produced collectively. Socialism in production came in.

Think Socialism Now.

When the working people worked alone they had no thought of Socialism. When they worked collectively they began to think and talk of Socialism.

Socialist ideas develop from the logic of events, from the industrial evolution.

A manufacturer in Ireland dismissed his girls because he said they were getting too socialist. Compelling them to go into another factory did not make them less so. The fact that they worked together, that they ran the factory and the employer did nothing but take the profits, made them think that they might just as well take possession of that factory and produce for themselves.

These ideas are developing in every factory, mine and mill all over the world.

Better Chance For Your Boy.

Socialism is not an ideal state of society that a few dreamers would like to usher in. It is coming inevitably as the next step in the industrial evolution.

And Socialism will give your boy a far better chance than your Grandfather had.

ONE HUNDRED BILLION.

(From The Milwaukee Leader)

Two years of the war have passed, and statisticians are casting up accounts for these 24 months. There have been a half dozen guesses at its total cost so far, and for once the collectors of figures disagree so little that when the unthinkable sums are compared the difference is small compared with the staggering total.

Nearly every calculation of the property destroyed, debts heaped up and wealth shot away locates the sum at not far from \$100,000,000,000. Of course this sum carries no different idea to the human mind than half or twice that amount.

There is one handy comparison for those who know this country that will help in making these figures something more than a string of digits. According to the census of 1910 the total value of all the property in the United States was a little over \$100,000,000,000.

The fighting armies of Europe have therefore destroyed an entire United States. All its cities, factories, farms and schools could be entirely rebuilt from the waste of these two years of fighting.

This estimate is too small. The wealth estimate of the United States includes land and franchise values of more than \$300,000,000,000. These values represent little more than the capitalized power of their owners to exploit labor. They do not represent actual creations of human labor, such as have been destroyed by the war.

The warring armies have destroyed twice over the value of the things in this country that have been planned by the minds and made with the hands of men.

Fast as they have been destroying wealth, we have been creating it almost as fast. The estimated value of the United States today is nearly \$500,000,000,000. In less than a decade labor has created and added to the capitalized power of exploiters a value as great as that created in the previous three centuries.

Put these two facts of the destruction in Europe and construction in America together and you have an indisputable answer to those who would set limits to the power of modern industry to satisfy all real needs of mankind.

If Europe can destroy an United States in two years and feed nearly all its able-bodied men in the work of destruction then if those men were engaged in intelligently organized constructive work, no Socialist has ever dreamed of the possible luxury of a such society.

If America can add \$100,000,000,000 to its wealth in less than a decade with all the mountainous wastes of competition, unemployment and planless production, then there is no reasonable want of its workers that might not be supplied if intelligence and justice were used in the management and distribution of wealth.

All these facts prove to the hilt the Socialist statement that there is no such thing as a problem of production. That has long ago been solved. It is not "efficiency systems" of production that are needed, but fair systems of distribution.

Do we ask for shorter hours, better schools, industrial insurance, organized leisure, healthier and longer lives? Here is the almost exhausted reservoir of wealth from which they can all be drawn when the pipe lines that feed the maws of insatiable exploitation are cut.

We are dissatisfied with the building or location of our cities? We can tear them all down and rebuild them in a year at less expense than some

The Conversion Of Charley

By JOHN M. WORK.

CHARLEY Hughes has been converted. He is now a warm champion of the working class. In his letter to the national committee of the progressive party, he opened up his heart as follows:

"I am in deep sympathy with the effort to improve the conditions of labor; to prevent exploitation; to safeguard the future of the nation by protecting our women and children. I believe in workmen's compensation laws."

IT'S a pity Charley didn't think about this before he vetoed the New York law reducing railroad fares from three cents to two cents per mile.

It's a pity he didn't think about it before he vetoed the five cent fare from New York to Coney Island.

It's a pity he didn't think about it before workmen's compensation laws became popular.

It's a pity he didn't think about it before he helped to hand down the Danbury Hatters' decision penalizing the hat workers to the tune of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for trying to secure better conditions of labor.

IT WOULD have looked better if Charley had repented before these things happened, instead of waiting until he became a candidate for president.

But then I suppose we ought to be tickled to death to have Charley repent any old time.

The great trouble is that, as Billy Sunday could tell you, there are a good many repentances that don't stick.

I am very much afraid that Charley's repentance is of this variety.

You see, in the very same paragraph, and the next one, he goes on to say that we must have a "stable foundation for honorable enterprise," and some more things like that.

IN OTHER words, he goes right square back on his repentance.

He says we must prevent exploitation, but we must go right on letting the capitalist class rob the working class.

Of course he doesn't say it right out like that. But that's what it means just the same.

In fact, Charley is kiddin' us guys. He judges the present by the past and counts on being able to pull the wool over the eyes of the workers.

Are we going to fall for it?

single nations are pouring out upon the battlefield.

Would we have larger, better schools for our children? We can rebuild every school building for what congress proposes to vote for the army and navy this year.

We are limited in our opportunities for enjoyment only by our own willful ignorance that keeps us partisans of the system which impoverishes us.

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By MAX S. HAYES.

THERE WAS a preparedness

parade in DeKalb, Ill., last week, and the usual coercive tactics

were pursued by the militarists, and yet the turnout was a complete fizzle.

An opposition anti-preparedness demonstration was held the same night and was a success. It is known that at least half a dozen workers were discharged because they took too prominent a part against the War Trust scheme.

A Steel Trust official tried to have Rev. D. A. McGreggor fined from the First Baptist Church because he delivered an address against militarism, and he will quit in the fall. E. P. Collet, a High School teacher, was bounced as an outcome of the affair, as was a prominent Socialist mill worker, and an effort was made to get a newspaper manager to discharge a printer who is an active anti-preparedness agitator, but the boss probably thought he would get in bad with the union and said there was nothing doing.

A CURIOUS test case has been brought in the Milwaukee courts that is being watched with a great deal of interest. Manufacturers have started to have snapshots taken of strikers and pickets, and the latter claim it is unlawful and want damages or punishment meted out. A local judge has ruled that photographing pickets is not unlawful and the case is to be carried to the highest court in the State. The only decision on record bearing on the controversy is that of a New York court, where it was ruled that the "victim" of a gunshot was justified in smashing the latter's camera and he would have no just claim for damages.

THE STEEL Trust fears that they are engaged in real war and are "preparing" for the hungry labor enemy. According to a dispatch from Hibbing, Minn., forts are being erected by gunmen of the trust in the hills of the Mesaba iron range. Searchlights play by night over the mining villages, up and down the main streets of Hibbing, Virginia and Eleventh. Kidnapping, the "bullpen" and wholesale intimidation are said to be attempts to crush the growing strike of workers.

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We Must Save These Comrades!

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

I HAVE just been advised by wire that true bills charging murder in the first degree have been found by a capitalist grand jury against four strikers and a woman and against Carlo Tresca, and two other leaders of the strike of the iron miners on the Mesabe Range in northern Minnesota.

For several weeks this strike of 20,000 industrial peons has been raging on the Range. It sprang spontaneously from the most despot and disgraceful industrial conditions imaginable. Some of the unbelievable and damning facts in regard to these conditions for which the monstrous steel trust is responsible have been reported by the Labor Commissioner of the State of Minnesota and are sufficient in their enormity to cause

every decent American to hang his head in shame. Absolute peonage was enforced and women and children as well as men were stripped of everything but their wretched lives, insulted, mocked, spat upon, and reduced to a veritable swinish condition of existence.

SOON AFTER the revolt took place a riot was incited among the peaceable strikers by the brutal acts of the gunmen of the steel trust and two strikers were murdered by these assassins in cold blood. Not a gunman had so much as a mark upon his putrid carcass. The murdered victims were as usual the strikers and their murderers the hired slayers of the steel barons.

And yet, unbelievable as it may seem, the assaulted victims have been indicted and the

assaulting thugs remain unmolested in their pursuit of other innocent and half-famished workmen, to shoot them down like dogs for the mess of pottage they get from their rich and rotten masters.

These comrades are marked to an absolute certainty for judicial assassination unless the working class and its sympathizers come to their rescue.

THE CALL comes to me to issue this appeal to the workers of America as if they were my own brothers and sisters, as indeed they are. They have been fighting the battle for bread not only for their children but for the children of us all. They are absolutely innocent of crime. I swear it. I know the facts. The murderous steel trust of Rockefeller and Morgan are to take these lives

because they stand in the way of their inhuman designs and are a menace to their blood-soaked profits.

AROUSE ONCE AGAIN YE WORKERS OF AMERICA AS YOU HAVE DONE BEFORE!

The criminal, man-eating, soul-destroying Steel Trust, by the eternal gods, shall not have the hearts' blood of our innocent comrades. We shall stand by them and if the steel bandits insist upon it we shall raise hell, and if the extremity is forced upon us to save our innocent fellow-workers from being foully murdered in cold blood, we know how.

I appeal to socialists and union men everywhere to come to the front in this critical hour and demand in tones that Wall street will hear and heed a fair trial for our people. That is all they ask and less than this we will fling into the brazen faces of the debauched miscreants of capitalist brutality and misrule.

A fair trial will free and vindicate every one of these indicted comrades. Not one has

upon him or her the taint of crime. They know it, and the whole country shall know it.

THIS IS but a preliminary appeal to awaken the working class to the bloody deed about to be committed against it by the corporation criminals who have for years fattened upon the life-blood of the slaves of the pits, who have at last risen in revolt and now hurl the defiance born of desperation into the teeth of their inhuman masters.

I ask every socialist paper, every labor paper, and every other paper opposed to the steel trust being allowed to hang innocent men and women to glut their profit lust, to give space to this appeal, and in the name of the working class I entreat everyone friendly to that class to contribute to the defense fund now being raised and to do everything in their power to give publicity to this shocking and scandalous affair which disgraces the nation, and thus thwart the steel trust pirates and restore innocent working men and women to freedom.

The One Issue

By ANNA AGNES MALEY.

Wanted for the working class—the right to use the earth.

Wanted in the working class—the sense to stand together to win this right.

Our masters now use us workers to use the earth for them. For all the abundance that we cause the earth to yield they give us what the farmer gives his horse for cultivating the field—just feed. They feed us not for our own sakes but that we may labor for them.

Most Urgent Question.

No question is so urgent as this question of the right to use the earth. It is the issue that peculiarly affects the wage worker, and yet he can see every man's problem but his own. He herds with every party but the Socialist Party.

He is with progressives of any stripe in defense of small business. He takes a swat at the centralized biscuit factory that undersells and drives out of business the smaller factory. Alas, he thinks, it is tragical that the small factory should close its doors and quit the fight.

The worker forgets that he, too, has a factory—a factory of a sort that is hard to close. His body is his factory. In it he manufactures labor power. In it he must use raw material—food. He must get raw material with which to buy the food for a baby, a woman, a cheaper man, or a machine underbid him on the market.

If the underbidding is long continued, the worker may have to close his factory and quit the fight. The daily paper notices the fact by stating that William Smith, out of employment, hanged himself in the woodshed or took poison in a hobo hotel. And there is a new grave in potter's field.

Can't Pack Labor Power.

For he it is remembered that while the cracker manufacturer can pack his crackers and hold them for a better market, the workman, failing to sell, cannot pack his labor power. If he misses it today he misses it forever. He must get new raw material, and he must get it with a man for a woman, a cheaper man, or a machine underbid him on the market.

Our manufacturer usually can sell or mortgage his plant. Fancy, as the Englishman says, a man for six weeks out of a job, presenting himself at the bank to ask for a loan on his factory!

"What sort of factory have you, and what do you manufacture?" would be the query.

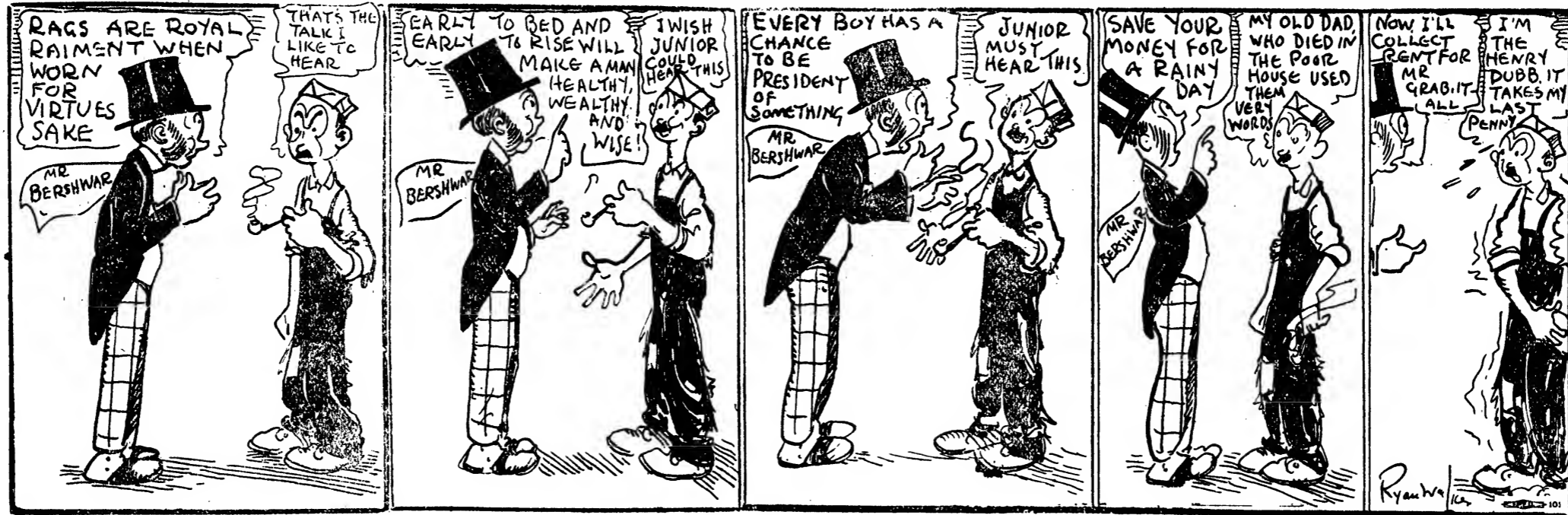
Backbone Wanted.

"My body is my factory," would come the answer. "In it I manufacture labor power when I can get anything to eat. I sell it when man, woman, child, or machine does not get my job away from me. I am down on my luck and I'd like to mortgage my factory."

With an appraising eye the banker would look his prospect over, saying, "Take your carcass out of here, I would not give five cents for the whole works."

Yes, wanted a working class with backbone enough to defend its right to use the earth.

Henry Dubb Gets Bits of Wisdom from Mr. Bershwar



By RYAN WALKER.

Hope And Work For Socialist U. S. Senator From Nevada

By MAX SHEROVER.

Staff Writer, The American Socialist.

A Socialist United States Senator from Nevada is not an improbability. Scores of comrades in that state that have been corresponded with are not only optimistic but some are quite positive in their assertions. Some insist that not only can Comrade Grant Miller be elected to the U. S. Senate, but they insist that there is a splendid opportunity of electing a working minority to both houses of the State Legislature. Comrade Eugene V. Debs, who practically covered the state in a recent lecture tour feels certain of Comrade Grant Miller's chances on the Senatorship. A number of other speakers who visited various parts of the state recently have expressed themselves similarly.

"I have had occasion," said Comrade Debs to me when I saw him in Terre Haute, "to visit practically all of the important settlements in the state of Nevada. I have made it my business to make inquiries regarding Socialist sentiment in that state and particularly about the chances of Grant Miller being elected as U. S. Senator. I have talked to non-Socialists particularly. I have talked with crews on trains, with miners in their camps. They all hold Comrade Miller in the highest esteem. He is the most popular man in the state."

Women For Socialism.

"The women of Nevada," continued Debs, "were enfranchised in 1914 and are going to vote the Socialist ticket almost unanimously." I asked why, and Comrade Debs explained. He said: "The women of Nevada realize that they owe their enfranchisement practically to the activity and agitation of the Socialists alone. Not another party in the state has put forth so much effort, so much money and such devoted energy toward the enfranchisement of the women as did the Socialists. And the women have not forgotten."

"I found, wherever I went, sentiment of such wonderful proportions

as to indicate a Socialist landslide this year. More than 75 per cent of Nevada's population properly belong to the working class. Their interests lie with the working class. The mine owners, most of whom belong to the Wall street plunderbund are hated thoroughly by the people of the state. The railroad corporations are hated no less than the mining magnates. These corporations own both old parties.

"Grant Miller is liked and respected by every worker in the state. But he is hated and feared wholeheartedly by the corporations that have clung to the state like leeches. As a lawyer he has never taken a case against a working man. He could have been today financially independent, indeed he could have been very rich, had he listened to the seductive voice and offers of the powers that be. Grant Miller is a man, every inch of him, his record is one of continued devotion and loyalty to the working class. He will be elected this November, if public sentiment is any criterion to go by," concluded Debs.

This statement by Debs was given me over six weeks ago. I delayed writing it up purposely. I wanted time to gather more facts. I have since corresponded with readers of The American Socialist in different parts of Nevada. Not one reply was received which would indicate that there is any doubt about Comrade Miller's chances of election.

Here's Vote In 1912.

Here are some facts that the reader might well ponder over. In the presidential campaign of 1912 the vote in Nevada stood:

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| Democratic | 7,986 |
| Progressive | 5,620 |
| Republican | 3,196 |
| Socialist | 3,513 |

In that year the women of Nevada did not vote. Had the women voted the Socialist Party would have received at least 5,700 votes, and would have stood as the second party, even if a fair portion of the woman vote is conceded to each of the other three parties. This year the Progressive party is dead. Many who voted its ticket in 1912 did so believing that it had a chance and were lead away by its program of alleged "social justice." All of my correspondents concede that about 90 per cent of the progressive vote of 1912 will go to the Socialists. With this vote, added

Carrying Nevada For Socialism.

By JUSTUS E. TAYLOR,

State Secretary.

Nevada Socialist Party.

The Socialist vote of Nevada has steadily increased since the party first entered on state politics in 1904 with 925 votes. In the per cent of the total vote cast Nevada ranks second among the States, only Oklahoma exceeding it. In the increase of vote, compared to the total number cast, Nevada comes with 98 1/2 per cent in the last two years. A change of less than 2,000 votes from all the other parties to Socialism, if properly distributed, would make Nevada Socialist.

Socialists of Nevada are alive to their favorable condition and have made arrangements for a vigorous campaign. It has been decided to make a systematic canvass of the state to secure names of non-Socialists to be used in work toward turning them to the cause of freedom. Socialist women are to be thoroughly organized, under charge of Nellie T. Zeigler, for spreading the propaganda among them. An active plan is under way for enrolling members of the Socialist party. A state organizer for the party is to be placed in the field, who will have a deputy

to their regular vote and not allowing for any increase gained at the expense of the republican and democratic parties, would give the Socialists a clear plurality over both parties.

In 1914 the Socialist vote on the Senatorial candidate jumped from 3,513 to 5,426. In that election the women did not have the vote and the Progressive party still showed signs of life though it was in its dying stage.

Run Educational Campaign.

Since 1914 the Socialist Party of Nevada has conducted a campaign of education and organization such as other states could well afford to emulate. Literature has been bought in ever increasing quantities, and the circulation of all Socialist publications has gone up in that state. That the comrades in Nevada are on the job and that they mean business admits of no doubt. They have divided the state in organization districts, with an organizer and a number of assistant organizers in each district busily and systematically at work. In the work among the women they have already achieved excellent results and have practically the entire co-operation of every school teacher in the state.

Already The American Socialist is going into the homes of thousands of voters in the state. Books and leaflets have been ordered in large quantities. Speakers and organizers are at work now and additional outside talent is heading for that state.

Comrade George R. Kirkpatrick, Socialist Vice-Presidential Candidate, is scheduled to speak at Goldfield in October and may also address a meeting at Reno.

Over 100 Dime Banks are at work in the state whereby a campaign fund is being raised by the rank and file. The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at its June meeting appropriated \$540 to the state of Nevada after it heard the case presented in a cold and logical manner.

Justus E. Taylor, the State Secretary of the Nevada Socialist Party, who has gone thru numerous campaigns and is battle scarred by experience, is not given to optimistic dreams or to building air-castles. He says: "We appreciate the help offered and are very confident that the showing in November will prove that it was more than justified. From every section of the state the comrades are waking up to the fact that we have a tremendous chance."

In another communication in which he goes into the situation in detail he states:

organizer in every county in the state.

The total vote of Nevada for 1916 is estimated at 38,000, including the women voters. The Socialist vote in 1914 was 2,791; in 1915, 5,451, a gain of 98 1/2 per cent in two years. The 1914 vote was before the state had woman suffrage. Without any propaganda whatever it would doubtless be augmented this year by its percentage of women voters. But with an active campaign, such as it is proposed to wage, the vote can without doubt be materially increased over this. With outside aid in the way of assisting to carry Nevada for Socialism, the prospect is better, perhaps, than in any state in the union for complete and telling victory.

Nevada has, perhaps, the most liberal constitution of any of the states, which means of any government on the face of the earth. More than 75 per cent of the population consists of the working class. They are pioneers, who think for themselves. They are therefore especially susceptible to radical appeal. It is by no means impossible, with proper encouragement and help, to make Nevada the first Socialist state in the world.

Win Nevada, Too.

The American Socialist and the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party are doing all in their power to help the Nevada comrades carry the state for Socialism this year. Two able speakers, Caroline A. Lewis and Walter J. Millard, go into the state this week under the direction of the national executive committee.

The American Socialist is this week putting

2,436

voters in the state on its mailing list. We are enabled to do this as a result of the contributions sent in to our Nevada fund. Remember, the four big spots that need your help, The Debs district, Oklahoma, Minneapolis and Nevada. The American Socialist has the names of thousands of voters in Nevada that it wants to put on its list for ten weeks. One dollar will pay for ten. Send all contributions to the "Win Nevada Fund", The American Socialist, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Why Not An Eight-Hour Day For All Workers?

Special Washington Correspondence.

WASHINGTON.—If President Wilson—for reasons of "patriotism" or political expediency—favors the eight-hour day for railroad employees, does he favor it for the workers belonging to the Steel Trust, the Coal Trust, the Oil Trust, and all the rest of industrial United States? This is the question that is bothering the life out of the Wall Street capitalists. They wish to the devil that they knew.

Close observers of national politics here see in Wilson's endorsement of the principle of the eight-hour day an amazingly bold play for the labor vote. On the eve of a national election which promises to be one of the closest in history, this college professor, who a few short years ago was denouncing the trade unions in the bitterest terms, is today standing with the railroad brotherhoods in their fight against their bosses. And up to the moment of this grandstand opportunity, Wilson throust his administration has not helped labor. He has studiously avoided labor and that which it desires. He has worked the more profitable field of middle-class, small business.

How About Steel Workers?

Should the Steel Workers strike, they would find little sympathy awaiting them at the White House. It is true that the Democratic platform announced itself in favor of the eight-hour day, but platforms are molasses wherewith to catch flies. There are just as many capitalists and employers in the Democratic party as there are in the Republican or in the obsolescent Bull Moose. And the interests of capitalists and employers are against mass action of the employees for shorter hours and higher wages. No, the laboring class of the United States need not feel alarmed; Woodrow isn't going to steal Allan Benson's program, nor even a fraction of it. He is just doing enough to get by with at this time.

The Wilson politicians are endeavoring to harvest much hay while the sun of labor is apparently shining on them so beautifully. A canvass among the representatives of the big four brotherhoods who have been here for two weeks shows that many a Republican labor man is going to vote for Wilson, and that when he goes back home to his job and his friends, he is going to pass the word along. Yet in the opinion of an old Social-

ist, a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, Woodrow isn't going to make as much out of the thing as he might.

Can't Affect Socialists.

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Weekly Circulation of Benson Leaflets Reaches 1,243,787

By J. L. ENGDAHL.

COMRADES of the Social Revolution! Friends of the cause of humanity! The arousing inspiration for this year's titanic political struggle against all the degrading and dehumanizing influences of the capitalist system of society is here! This magnificent urge to greater achievements, to bigger accomplishments in this campaign, is to be found in the magic figures at the head of this article. I repeat them. They are as follows:

1,243,787

That is the total weekly circulation of the Benson campaign leaflets as this is being written. That number has been ordered up to the present time for weekly distribution for ten weeks thruout the nation during this campaign. The number is increasing each week. It is expected that 1,500,000 of "Leaflet No. 3", now on the press, will be ordered.

Three readers to a leaflet is a conservative estimate—Socialist literature is read and re-read because it carries a worthy message. This means that practically four million men and women of the class that carries the burdens of the world are now, EACH WEEK, reading this message of hope of the Socialist Party in this campaign, written by its presidential candidate, Allan L. Benson.

NUMBER IS INCREASING.

MOST CHEERING fact of all—this number is leaping upwards, mounting higher, every day, every hour, as the telegrams and letters arrive with fresh demands for this brain-stirring literature. The great army of Socialist soldiers in this campaign is just beginning to feel its strength—just beginning to realize its power.

The demands for the Benson campaign leaflets come from every state. They come from big cities and little villages. They come from the wage workers who sweat away their lives, thru days and nights, in our industrial hells. They come from the laborer on the land who toils from dawn to dusk to win a bare living from the soil. In the homes little children join their mothers to help buy these leaflets to drive ignorance from our firesides and strive for an enlightened next generation.

Up to the present time 759 individual orders for these little paper bombshells have been received from 759 Socialist soldiers, men, women and children,—soldiers in the greatest cause the world has ever known! No other cause ever saw such a roll of honor. Best of all, this honor roll is growing rapidly, unceasingly.

When the orders from the 759 Socialist soldiers, calling for 1,243,787 leaflets were

in, a roll call of the States was prepared. It shows the number of orders from each state and the amount ordered, as follows:

| ROLL CALL OF THE STATES. | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| STATE | No. of Orders | Leaflets Ordered |
| Oklahoma | 8 | 282,517 |
| Ohio | 34 | 117,295 |
| Pennsylvania | 26 | 101,750 |
| New Jersey | 26 | 90,290 |
| New York | 32 | 80,417 |
| Illinois | 45 | 46,592 |
| Washington | 59 | 46,207 |
| Indiana | 29 | 41,245 |
| California | 53 | 32,285 |
| Oregon | 16 | 21,855 |
| Iowa | 16 | 17,568 |
| Wisconsin | 10 | 17,135 |
| Texas | 26 | 17,000 |
| Connecticut | 11 | 15,725 |
| Michigan | 20 | 15,590 |
| Kansas | 20 | 15,260 |
| Colorado | 13 | 13,612 |
| Maine | 8 | 13,503 |
| New Hampshire | 15 | 13,362 |
| Nebraska | 12 | 10,125 |
| Missouri | 17 | 9,655 |
| Massachusetts | 13 | 9,100 |
| Minnesota | 18 | 8,450 |
| Virginia | 13 | 8,350 |
| Arizona | 10 | 7,475 |
| West Virginia | 8 | 7,332 |
| Utah | 10 | 6,945 |
| Tennessee | 8 | 6,515 |
| Rhode Island | 13 | 6,500 |
| Georgia | 4 | 6,140 |
| Idaho | 12 | 4,715 |
| Montana | 8 | 4,550 |
| Florida | 11 | 3,520 |
| Kentucky | 8 | 3,125 |
| Nevada | 4 | 2,935 |
| Arkansas | 9 | 2,800 |
| South Dakota | 3 | 2,475 |
| Alabama | 3 | 2,455 |
| New Mexico | 6 | 2,350 |
| Maryland | 5 | 1,462 |
| North Dakota | 4 | 1,425 |
| North Carolina | 6 | 1,395 |
| Vermont | 1 | 1,000 |
| South Carolina | 1 | 1,000 |
| Louisiana | 3 | 480 |
| Mississippi | 2 | 300 |
| District of Columbia | 1 | 10 |
| TOTAL | 759 | 1,243,787 |

With the exception of Oklahoma, where each voter in the state is now receiving one of the Benson leaflets each week, every state in the nation can easily double its order and still miss the greater percentage of the voters.

TWO WEEKS ago, in The American Socialist, I pointed out that this leaflet campaign would be greater than the "RED SPECIAL", that herald of the new day that blazed its broad trail across the land eight years ago with Eugene V. Debs as its spokesman. We thought the "RED SPECIAL" made the master record in the 1908 campaign. We are now establishing a new record.

Two weeks ago I estimated that one million copies of the first leaflet would go out over the nation for distribution. The circulation of one million leaflets each week for

ten weeks before the election, I felt, would be an inspiring achievement, far greater in itself, than the "RED SPECIAL".

Hardly had the issue of The American Socialist carrying this hope and prophecy been run off the press when the orders for the first million were in the national campaign headquarters. Then the order was placed with the printers for "No. 2". The order read "1,300,000". When this was being written the orders for "No. 3" already totaled, "1,243,787"; the presses were running at top speed, day and night, getting them out; another carload of paper was being secured; and everything was being made ready for a record run on "No. 4". Here's the record to date:

Leaflet No. One.....1,000,000 copies
Leaflet No. Two.....1,300,000 copies
Leaflet No. Three.....1,500,000 copies
Leaflet No. Four.....? ? ? ? copies

THE STORY OF THE LEAFLETS.

HERE IS the story of the Benson campaign leaflet series. In the days to come these facts will show big in Socialist Party history. The ten-leaflet campaign was first suggested to, and the suggestion was enthusiastically received by the joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming national executive committees of the Socialist Party that met in Chicago late in June to make the first big plans for the campaign. The first announcement of these leaflets was made in The American Socialist in the issue of July 15th. In the heat of mid-summer the comrades, near and far, immediately grasped the great possibilities of this plan—to distribute a new leaflet each week, every Sunday morning, of the ten Sunday mornings before Election Day, Tuesday, November 7th.

This plan was something that had never before been attempted—the distribution week after week of the latest Socialist utterance in a great political struggle. During weeks and months of renewed effort the party membership in the past has been able to dispose of big editions of some leaflet or pamphlet. We distributed one million of "The Growing Grocery Bill" during the 1912 campaign. We sent one million of "The Bombshell That Henry Ford Fired" to the nation. When the demon of war broke loose in Europe in 1914, we spread 1,353,000 of the two-page leaflet, "Starve the War! Feed America!" over the land. But never before, not even in enthusiastic, local elections has a ten-week distribution ever been attempted on such a stupendous scale. Even in Milwaukee, where a Socialist mayor has now been elected over the combined opposition, the comrades only attempt a four-week distribution of literature, before each election.

SOME CAUGHT NAPPING.

IN SPITE of the wide publicity given this

ten-leaflet campaign, many comrades were caught napping. Some missed the first leaflet. Others missed the first two leaflets, both of which are now off the press, and no more of which will be printed. The first leaflet was published in the issue of The American Socialist dated August 26th. It was out in leaflet form ready for distribution, Sunday, August 27th. "Leaflet No. 2" was out and ready for distribution Sunday, Sept. 3rd, the first day of Socialist-Red Week. The third leaflet, which appears in this issue, is now being shipped out and will be ready for distribution next Sunday, Sept. 10.

Those skeptical comrades who wanted to wait and see what the leaflets would be like, are now rushing in their orders, too late for the first two leaflets. But they will get instead an increased number of the remaining eight leaflets.

STEAM IS UP NOW!

THUS THE great weekly distribution of literature has now worked up a full head of steam and is driving ahead with an irresistible force. We have found a way to fight the gigantic power of the capitalist press. It is the leaflet way. One leaflet will wipe out in a moment a hundred capitalist newspaper lies. These thought provoking pieces of paper will stir millions of Henry Dubb brains to really think for the first time.

Our candidate for president, Allan L. Benson, is showing superhuman strength in this year's struggle. Comrade Benson is now touring the country, speaking every day to immense throngs. He originally planned to speak only three days a week, then he agreed to speak six days a week. Now every day in the week has been swallowed up by the dates that have poured into the national headquarters; and Comrade Benson has cheerfully shouldered the task of filling them. In addition to speaking, he will not only write the weekly leaflet, but will also continue his monthly Pearson's Magazine article and his weekly article for the Appeal to Reason.

OUR GREAT GOAL.

THIS IS a program of work that surpasses anything ever before attempted by a presidential candidate of any party. It should find an unprecedented response from the 100,000 dues paying members of the Socialist Party and the one million Socialist voters. If Comrade Benson is making this great effort for Socialism, then every comrade ought to be willing to make at least a small effort. Then it would not be too much to expect a circulation of twenty million for the final leaflet in this ten-leaflet campaign; a Socialist leaflet in the hands of every voter

in the land on the Sunday before election day!

We are climbing upward toward the emancipation of the working class. The ten Benson leaflets will be a powerful lift in this climb. Need a request now be made that you, if you have not already done so, send in an immediate order for these leaflets? They are 50 cents a thousand in big or small orders.

Perhaps you have not yet been broken into the work of distributing Socialist literature. You can't get up enough courage to work for Socialism in this way? Well, that's too bad! But you can, as a penalty, mail a money order or check immediately to the National Campaign Headquarters, Socialist Party, 803 West Madison Street, Chicago, Ill.; the bigger the amount the better. This money will be used to send bundles of these leaflets to comrades who are unable to pay for them, but who will be glad to do your work of distributing them. Poverty is abroad in the land, even under the alleged reign of so-called "Democratic prosperity", but the fighting spirit of Socialism grows stronger every day and we must raise the funds necessary to keep it on the job.

DANGER AHEAD.

BUT THERE IS DANGER AHEAD! Every man, woman and child in the nation who reads, knows that the grasping, greedy paper trust has us all by the throats. The price of paper, and the cost of all other print material is increasing daily. The paper that goes into these leaflets first cost \$4.25 a hundred pounds. Now the trust charges us \$6 a hundred pounds. And the end is not yet. But this leaflet campaign, and every other feature of the national, state and local Socialist struggle this year must continue in spite of every obstacle.

The leaflets are being sold for 50 cents per thousand. This is much less than they really cost. Every time the paper trust boosts the price of paper, it means a greater inroad on the general campaign fund, which is not large, in order that the leaflet campaign may go on growing in power and volume.

DO YOUR PART.

BUT THE other efforts in this campaign must not be neglected. Every Socialist local, every Socialist dues-paying member, every Socialist voter and sympathizer is therefore again urged to send in a financial contribution to the campaign fund.

We must move forward to great victories **THIS YEAR**, breaking down a host of barriers that obstruct our progress toward the **GREAT FINAL TRIUMPH—THE COMPLETE EMANCIPATION OF ALL WHO LABOR FROM WAGE SLAVERY. DO YOUR PART!**

Benson and Kirkpatrick Tours Well On The Way

THE PRESIDENTIAL and Vice-Presidential tours are now well on the way. Both Comrade Benson and Comrade Kirkpatrick are addressing record audiences everywhere. These comrades are no less enthusiastic about the results than are the comrades of the locals where the meetings take place. Comrade Benson opened his national tour with a meeting at Elizabeth, N. J., speaking to an audience that packed Gordon's Hippodrome Theatre to overflowing.

So elated was Comrade Benson with the result of the Elizabeth meeting that he sent the following telegram:

Max Sherover, Manager, Speaker's Bureau, Chicago, Ill.

Cut out all open dates except three in California. Allan L. Benson.

Comrade Benson has now given his entire time to the campaign. He has declined to take a day off for rest. He wants to work all of the time. He is looking to the comrades down in the ranks to do the same thing;

he wants the comrades of the ranks and file to become imbued with this spirit and realize that this is the year of our opportunity.

Comrade Goebel who travels with Comrade Benson writes about the Elizabeth, N. J., meeting:

"Wonderfully enthusiastic meeting in spite of hot weather. Sold all the books. Local charged a 25c admission and packed the hall to capacity."

One Big Inspiration. Comrade Kirkpatrick's Oklahoma tour was "one long continued inspiration", he writes. Comrade R. R. Roland, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, wires:

"Thousands heard Kirkpatrick tonight. Meeting financial success. We now want a Benson date."

The following is the final schedule of the national tours: Comrades from nearby cities and towns would do well to clip this for future reference and make an effort to get to the meeting and bring as many friends and shopmates as possible.

Sept. 9, Anderson, Ind.; 10, Elwood, Ind.; 11, Dubuque, Iowa; 12, Rock Island, Ill.; 13, Muscatine, Iowa; 14, Des Moines, Iowa; 15, Ottumwa, Iowa; 16, St. Louis, Mo.; 17, St. Paul, Minn.; 18, Terre Haute, Ind.; 19, Indianapolis, Ind.; 20, Portsmouth,

Ohio; 21, Toledo, Ohio; 22, Buffalo, N. Y.; 23, Rochester, N. Y.; 24, New York City; 25, Providence, R. I.; 26, Manchester, N. H.; 27, Boston, Mass.; 28, Philadelphia, Pa.; 29, Brooklyn, N. Y., and 30, Syracuse, N. Y.

Oct. 1, Detroit, Mich.; 2, Cincinnati, Ohio; 3, En Route; 4, Denver, Colo.; 5, En Route; 6, En Route; 7, Vancouver, Wash.; 8, Everett, Wash.; 9, Seattle, Wash.; 10, Bellingham, Wash.; 11, Portland, Ore.; 12, En Route; 13, San Francisco, Calif.; 14, Open date at San Francisco; 15, Oakland, Calif.; 16, Fresno, Calif.; 17, Pasadena, Calif.; 18, Los Angeles, Calif.; 19, Open date at Los Angeles; 20, Yuma, Ariz.; 21, Phoenix, Ariz.; 22, En Route; 23, Clovis, New Mex.; 24, En Route; 25, Elk City, Okla.; 26, Mangum, Okla.; 27, Hobart, Okla.; 28, Clinton, Okla.; 29, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 30, Wewoka, Okla., and 31, Tulsa, Okla.

Nov. 1, Wichita, Kans.; 2, Hutchinson, Kans.; 3, Kansas City, Mo.; 4, Louisville, Ky.; 5, Milwaukee, and 6, Pittsburgh, Pa.

KIRKPATRICK TOUR. Sept. 9, Columbus, O.; 10, Detroit, Mich.; 11, Battle Creek, Mich.; 12, Racine, Wis.; 13, Lincoln, Ill.; 14, Springfield, Mo.; 15, Little Rock, Ark.; 16, Jonesboro, Ark.; 17, Evansville, Ind.; 18, Nashville, Tenn.; 19, Roanoke, Va.; 20, Wilmington, Dela.; 21, Bridgeport, Conn.; 22, New Haven, Conn.; 23, Boston, Mass.; 24, New York City; 25, Evergreen, L. I.; 26, Jersey City, N. J.; 27, Schenectady, N. Y.; 28, New Bedford, Mass.; 29, Brooklyn, N. Y., and 30, Newark, N. J.

Oct. 1, 3:00 p. m., Elizabeth, N. J.; 1, 8:00 p. m., 23rd Ass. District, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 2, Lynn, Mass.; 3, Jamestown, N. Y.; 4, South Bend, Ind.; 5, Davenport, Ia.; 6, Omaha, Neb.; 7, St. Joseph, Mo.; 8, Conway Springs, Kans.; 9, Winfield, Kans.; 10, Ft. Worth, Tex.; 11, Temple, Tex.; 12, Houston, Tex.; 13, En Route; 14, El Paso, Tex., or Tucson, Ariz.; 15, Bisbee, Ariz.

NATIONAL SPEAKERS ARE NOW STIRRING THE NATION. The following additional speakers and organizers are at work under the direction of the National Office, with more being added as calls come in: RYAN WALKER—the famous Henry Dubb cartoonist, will start out late in September. Open for dates east of the Mississippi.

WALTER J. MILLARD—begins work this week in Nevada for the entire campaign.

W. A. JACOBS—began work in Nebraska, September 2nd. Will put in a month there and later go to Oregon.

WILL L. GAVNER—begins work in Colorado, September 10th, and will work into Arizona and possibly Nevada later.

CAROLINE LOWE—begins work in Nevada, beginning about September 15th, thence into California for the balance of the campaign.

B. FRANKLIN ALLEN—this week in Illinois, thence two or three days en route thru western Kentucky and a month or so in Tennessee. Open for dates in southern states.

MARY GEFFS—now at work in the suffrage campaign under the direction of Socialist Women's Suffrage Committee (National) and Office of South Dakota. Will spend probably all of her time during the campaign in that state.

THERESA S. MALKIEL—now at work in West Virginia in the suffrage campaign under the direction of the Socialist Women's Suffrage Committee (National). Will finish there about the 14th, and then goes on to Pennsylvania on the 9th of September.

FLORENCE WATLIES—goes to West Virginia, October 1st, for the same work and will remain until the close of the campaign.

ANNA MALEY—now working under the State Office in Arkansas and arrangements are being made by the Women's Suffrage Committee to send her into West Virginia for the last month of the campaign.

GEORGE T. PARSONS—Member of the United Mine Workers of America and active in the West Virginia strike, will work in that state for one month.

WALTER THOMAS MILLS—Open a few days in mid-west.

PAUL MICHELSON—now at work as organizer in Northern Michigan under direction of the Finnish organization.

GEORGE ROSS—will work in Vermont during the month of September and from there goes to North Carolina to work during October.

W. R. GAYLORD—filling a few scattering dates. Open for dates in mid-west.

A. M. SIMONS—several Chautauqua engagements and scattering dates.

Get After Your Local Secretary. If you are not informed on all matters pertaining to the campaign get after the Secretary of your Local.

Every Secretary of every Local of the Socialist Party in the United States gets the Official Bulletin of the Party, FREE, twice every month. The Bulletin contains all important matter pertaining to the campaign as well as to the general Party affairs.

Besides the Bulletin every Local Secretary in the United States has received two VERY IMPORTANT communications. One went out from the national office under date of July 15th and contained an official communication from the National Executive Committee. This should have been read and we assume WAS read in the open meeting of your Local.

The second communication went out last week. It also contained very important matters concerning the campaign. If your secretary does not read and present these matters at the next meeting, ASK HIM TO DO SO.

And besides these methods there is

one other we are using to keep everybody informed as to the great work of the campaign in all its details. That is The American Socialist. Every careful reader of The American Socialist will know how the campaign is progressing. Every friend of the Cause should be a subscriber and a reader.

But of course there are many official matters that cannot go into The American Socialist, or even the Bulletin. These you will get from the letters sent direct to the Locals thru the Secretaries. And that is why we say—"GET AFTER YOUR LOCAL SECRETARY", and make sure that he reads to the Local all the communications from the national office and presents the matters contained.

LEHANE IN TERRE HAUTE. Cornelius Lehane of Ireland has been in Terre Haute, Ind., where he was specially engaged by the Debs Campaign Committee to deliver 14 lectures in support of Eugene V. Debs for Congress. The Catholic Irish are everywhere in the district and flocked to hear Lehane, whose influence will have a great effect in getting Debs to Congress. Lehane spoke at the Terre Haute Miners' Picnic, Labor Day.

The Minneapolis comrades have sent for Lehane who has agreed to deliver 14 addresses in that city in support of the socialist candidate. Lehane's dates in Minneapolis start Sept. 10th. Comrade Von Lear of the Machinists' Union is sure to be the next mayor of Minneapolis, says Lehane.

BENSON LEAFLETS IN ITALIAN. La Parola Proletaria, the official organ of the Italian Socialist Federation, will publish weekly the Italian translation of the material in the Benson campaign leaflets. The article will be prominently displayed. Any local, or any comrade, especially in places where Italian branches do not exist, is asked to co-operate in the distribution of these special editions of "La Parola". Bundles of the paper are 50 cents per hundred. All orders must be accompanied by money to pay for same. Send all orders to John La Duca, translator-secretary, Italian Socialist Federation, Room 142, 803 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

HAMLET IN HEAVEN. A remarkable book purporting to have been written by Shakespeare to celebrate the fourth centenary of his death. Takes the characters of the play of Hamlet, and shows how they "mixed it" in the other world before they found peace and happiness. A five act play. Fred D. Warren pronounces it "One of the finest things I ever read. The pictures are striking and beautiful, the language is superb, the humor is infectious, and the philosophy very much like my own conception of the future, if there is a future, must be." Debs says of it: "I read it thru to Mrs. Debs at a sitting, and she thinks it wonderful." It doesn't matter in the least what you think of the claims of the book, as William Marion Reedy, of the St. Louis Mirror, says, "It is worth the fifty cents asked for it. It is published by The New World, Lincoln Plifer's Paper-Magazine, Girard, Kansas."

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YIPSELS GET OUT SPECIAL CAMPAIGN PAPER. The October issue of the "Young Socialist Magazine" will be a special 32-page campaign number, and the Yipseles everywhere are urged to do their best to give it a wide circulation.

The condition of the magazine now shows a wonderful improvement. May Rhinehardt of the Yonkers Y. P. S. L. and Jos. Turpin of the New York City league have been elected associate editors, and other Yipseles are taking hold on the circulation end. Their success is shown in the fact that in one month they boosted the circulation by over 400 subs, only in their own district.

This magazine should have the subscription of every Yipsel. It is the official organ of the Y. P. S. L. National Committee and of all state leagues. Its subscription price is 50c per year, 3c each in bundles of 10 or more, 4c each for special double numbers. Send in your orders at once for the October issue. We want 2000 new subs right then and there. Address all communications to: Alexander Jaunwksna, 320—50th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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